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(37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1))

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed together with the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The above-identified patent application claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR 0215797 filed December 13, 2002. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a French Search Report issued on the priority French Patent Application No. FR 0215797. The Search Report cited German Patent Application Nos. DE 19526131 and DE 3711237; United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 2371531; European Patent Application Nos. EP 1179490 and EP 0732278; United States Patent Nos. US 5,962,834 and US 4,850,009; PCT International Publication No. WO 02/07084, and "Garment Sortation And Cold Store Contract", Database Inspec. 'en linge!, Institute of Electrical Engineers, Stevenage, GB; Vol 46, No. 10, pg. 62.

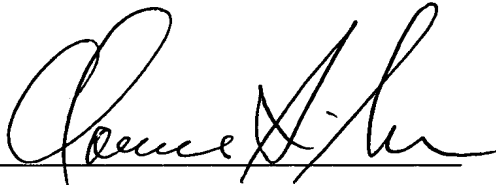
Pursuant to Sections 609 and 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, the undersigned is bringing the following co-pending U.S. patent application, of which he is aware, to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application as it may be considered pertinent to the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

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	EP 0732278 A1	9/18/96	Europe	Fujitsu Limited	n/a
	DE 3711237A1	10/20/88	Germany	Gunter Knapp Ges.m.b.H. & Co. KG	no
	EP 1179490 A1	2/13/02	Europe	TBN Identifikation Und netzwerke GmbH	no
	2371531	7/31/02	United Kingdom	Scootabout International Limited	n/a
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Title, Author, Date, Pages, Etc., if known)

	"Garment Sortation And Cold Store Contract", Database Inspec 'en Ligne!, Institute of Electrical Engineers, Stevenage, GB, Vol. 26, No. 10, page 62.

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